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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ARNOLD ET AL.

Examiner

M. R. Sedighian

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,34,36 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-31,33,35,37-39 and 41-43 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 9/11/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 33-43, should be renumbered as 32-42, since claim number 32 is not provided.

2. The word “apparati”, in page 1, paragraph 0002, second line, should change to

--- apparatus ---.

The word “wit”, in page 18, paragraph 00069, first line, should change to

--- with ---.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-2, 36, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adam et al. (US Patent No: 7,010,728 B2).

Regarding claim 1, Adam teaches a graphical user interface (GUI) for interfacing between a user and a controller of test equipment (col. 1, lines 50-65, col. 2, lines 53-67, col. 3, lines 1-5 and figs. 1, 3, 4, 7) used to test a device under test (col. 2, lines 40-41), the GUI comprising: a traffic icon (the one way, bi-directional or difference icon in fig. 3 and the direction and wavelength in fig. 4) operable to facilitate the user's setting of traffic parameters relating to a test of a DUT (col. 3, lines 5-9, 16-17); and an optics icon (the single or multiple wavelengths icon in fig. 3 and the wavelength icons in fig. 7) operable to facilitate the users's setting of optics parameters relating to the test (col. 3, lines 16-17, 48-49).

Regarding claim 2, Adam further teaches a local host icon being operable to present a list of test equipment connected to the GUI to the user for selection of at least one test equipment to conduct the test (col. 4, lines 10-13 and fig. 7).

Regarding claims 36 and 40, Adam teaches a graphical user interface (GUI) for controlling test equipment comprising: a first field operable to set at least one traffic protocol parameter (col. 3, lines 5-9, 16-17, the one way, bi-directional or difference icon in fig. 3 and direction and wavelength in fig. 4); and a second field operable to set at least one signal quality parameter (col. 3, lines 16-17, 48-49 and fig. 3 and the common test setting in fig. 7) and operating upon a user setting to affect the test equipment (col. 4, lines 10-14).

5. Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Coin et al. (US Patent No: 6,697,750 B1).

Regarding claim 34, Coin teaches a graphical user interface (GUI) for interfacing (col. 17, lines 50-51 and figs. 13, 14) between a user (230, 240, fig. 5) and a controller of test equipment (210, 110, fig. 5) used to test a device under test (UUTs, fig. 5), the GUI comprising: a test icon (the Test Port icons in fig. 13) operable to facilitate the user's setting of test parameters relating to a test to be performed on the DUT (col. 17, lines 50-54); an IntelliScript icon (Odyssey Parallel Testing in fig. 13) operable to facilitate the user's selection of a plurality of tests to perform on the DUT (col. 3, lines 48-54); a manual icon (the Scan icon in fig. 13) operable to facilitate the user's manual overriding of software-driven parameters relating to the test (col. 17, lines 62-65); a calibration icon (the Calibration icon in fig. 13) operable to facilitate a calibration of the test equipment (col. 17, lines 66-67, col. 18, lines 1-2); and a monitor icon

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(the Real Time Test results icon in fig. 13) operable to facilitate the user's monitoring of the test (col. 18, lines 6-8).

6. Claims 3-31, 33, 35, 37-39, and 41-43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. R. Sedighian whose telephone number is (571) 272-3034. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (from 9 AM to 5 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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